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MINE SITUATION AT WHITWELL

Attempt to Secure Union Labor Not Successful.

"SQUEEZES" IN MINES CAUSE MEN TO QUIT

Where the T. C. I. & R. R. Co. Missed a Good Chance to Get Disturbed Conditions Settled.

The effort to introduce union men into the mines of the T. C. I. & R. R. Co. at Whitwell, is being watched with interest, not only by the non-union men working there, but also by the union men, who still hold to the strike idea, and the union sympathizers in general.

Week before last it was announced by certain union men, who have been out as agents to see how many union men would report for work, that eighty would go back in the mines, but developments showed that not nearly as many reported and of those who did go to work, some have already quit, for reasons which will appear later in this article. Of these agents, one who has been especially active in soliciting men, was refused work, his tools being marked "mis-sent" by the mine foreman in charge.

TOO MANY "SQUEEZES."

The reason why the men left after being given work is as follows, taken principally from the testimony of one Scharn Thomas, as reported to us. The mines have been run largely to "squeeze," or places, where the coal is very thin, and a man cannot dig it and make any money. When a squeeze is reached a non-union miner almost invariably abandons it for a more profitable place. By digging through these squeezes good working bodies of coal are found, but a miner can make nothing going through them, and sometimes it is done at a loss. Consequently the number of squeezes in the Whitwell mines have largely increased on account of being abandoned when they should have been worked through, and the company is up against it in this direction. These squeezes must be worked out or the mines shut down, and a big effort is now being made to get the union men back in. But at this point lies the rub: The union men are unwilling to take up work on entries of this class, where abandoned by the non-union men, and it is very doubtful if many can be induced to stay. When put in good or fair places several are still at work, but the squeeze feature is disheartening to those put at work in them, and they are throwing up their jobs.

On the other hand, if they were put on to good jobs, it would cause criticism from the non-union men, who do not look at their re-admittance to the mines to work with any too much favor, so it is reported.

THE TURNING POINT.

The exact turning point on which the T. C. I. & R. R. Co. should have inaugurated this move, was when the effort was made by Pat Cary and other officials of the Mine Workers organization to declare the strike off provided work would be furnished the union men. This, however, was denied them by Mr. Carter, of So. Pittsburg, general superintendent, who is reported to have declared he would promise them nothing. If he had come out openly and said that if the strike was declared off, he would ensure the union men work, everything would have been rushing today, and the mines would have been turning out their full output of coal. This was the real turning point in the matter, which has been in controversy in Whitwell for nearly three years, lacking only about a month. When this report was circulated the men grew distrustful lest they should declare the strike off and still have no work. Consequently when the advisers for removing the strike won by a majority of one vote, 16 to 15, in a poorly advertised call meeting, those who wished the strike to remain on turned out in force at the next regular meeting and refused to approve the minutes of the call meeting.

STRIKE STILL ON.

Thus the strike was not taken off, and remains as strong in effect today as ever it did. The charter still remains in the town, and cannot be taken away as long as five members hang together and it is up to remain so for many years as the members are not liable for dues as long as the strike remains existent, and even John Mitchell has no power to call it off. The members of Local 387 alone can do so. There is no disposition by those who favor strike to harm or find fault with the order of those who have gone to

work or who wish to go to work in the Whitwell mines. On the contrary they often advise them to try it and see how they like it, and some really valuable information is being gleaned thereby. Those men who have gone to work, previously under injunction, have not been allowed to set foot on T. C. I. & R. R.'s property, and last week, for the first time in nearly three years, they stood in the mines in which they used to work. Thus they are in a splendid position to see whether the preceding trade of years has done anything to improve the condition of the mines or not. Those entering are forced to sign a document which takes away the rights and privileges of an American as a citizen in a free country, to join and remain a member of any organization he pleases, and yet obtain work.

How long this contest will be waged is uncertain. The men say they will not work out the squeezes. Mr. Meagher, the present superintendent, it is believed, was placed in charge because it was thought he could reconcile the union men, but elements have arisen over which he has no control, and he is practically powerless.

PRODUCT NOT NORMAL.

Meanwhile, although the Company has spent large sums in improvements, the product of coal is limited. The ovens at Victoria, on which a large sum was spent in improvements, have not been started up yet. The furnace at South Pittsburg is still dormant, and even in Alabama, where the strike was voted off, the T. C. I. & R. R. Company is not making the iron it should, considering its resources for its production. At Tracy City where the strike was also voted off, there is no disturbing factor, union and non-union working in the same mine.

The case has simmered down to one of three things. Either the employment of union men and non-union men separately, or the giving of union men as good locations as the non-union men. A solution of the difficulty might be reached by giving the union men one opening and the non-union men another, and offering a premium to the crowd getting out the largest and best mined amount of coal.

Anyway the News would like to see this question settled so this country will have a little more prosperity, a thing which at present is sadly needing.

DUNLAP.

Special to the News.

Johnnie Mason and Buddy Ford are walking our streets today.

Dave McNabb and family, of Empire, Ala., have moved to Dunlap.

Mrs. Newsome, of Roop, is visiting her daughters in Dunlap.

The Southern Steel Company is having all the houses at the foot painted, and enlarging John Degnan's house, adding two more rooms.

W. F. Smith and wife have gone to Roop for a few days visiting.

John Degnan is marking his hogs this morning. Must be fine and he is afraid they will leave.

Writers of Roop, tell us all about the Brumley mines and also the mines in Mill Hollow.

Glad to learn Etna is on a boom for old Etna is a good place to live.

Wonder how Frank Degnan would like to fire at Dunlap again. You ought to come back, Frank, they say you are a good one.

We are all glad to read the News since "Small Grain" and "Nemo" quit their firing.

They are still breaking the record at the mines. The output is increasing.

The Southern Steel Co. is putting in a new opening near the drum.

Frank Manning has moved to Main Street, near the Cold Spring.

Our new pool room is now open.

Papa's Pet.

Kimball.

Special to the News.

Health at this place is very good.

Some of the ladies are wishing it would rain and fill up their water barrels.

Mr. and Mrs. Collier Harris, of Chattanooga, visited D. T. Thach and family last week.

Mrs. Ray Dobbins visited her sister, Mrs. Frank Payne, last week.

Quite a crowd from Kimball attended preaching at Glover Hill Sunday.

Mrs. A. J. Hunter and granddaughters, Misses Edith and May Lane, went to So. Pittsburg last week.

Miss Amice Cox has returned from a visit to relatives in Chattanooga.

A. A. Rogers and wife of Pleasant Grove were among friends here last week.

Mrs. Bill Garner, who has been sick quite a while, is some better.

The school at this place is getting along nicely with Prof. Scott Tate and Miss Ethel Thach as teachers.

Sledge Hammer.

You never have any trouble to get children to take Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup. They like it because it tastes nearly like maple sugar. Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup is a safe, sure and prompt remedy for coughs and colds and is good for every member of the family. Sold by Jno. W. Simpson, Jasper, Tenn.

"MILK SICKNESS"

Disease Causing Serious Trouble at Orme.

JASPER, Tenn., October 18.—A large number of people at Orme, a mining town about fifteen miles south-west of this place, in this county, where the Battle Creek Coal Company are operating their mines, have been stricken with something like "milk sickness." Five are reported to have died and eleven others are sick. This peculiar malady is caused from drinking the sweet milk of cows which have grazed in certain localities where they are said to obtain the poison. It is not known what this poison is, but it seems to be in a certain cove and at certain times of the year, particularly in the fall, during dry weather. A cow giving milk will not die or be affected by the poison, but a dry cow will be killed by it. Sweet milk or butter from a cow that obtains this poison will poison a person, but butter-milk will not hurt if all butter is removed. Cattle will not obtain this poison if kept up until the dew dries off. Dr. Pleas Grayson, who lives about six miles east of Whitwell, stated that for forty years he had been doctoring persons and cattle affected with this poison, and claims to have also discovered the poison, claiming it is from copper, contains some salt and that cattle love it dearly. He says that it "spews" up out of the ground, falls on leaves and the cattle lick it off.

TRIED TO BURN OUT

Desperate Deed of Prisoner Almost Results Fatally.

SOUTH PITTSBURG, Tenn., Oct. 16.—Joe Bishop, white, was incarcerated in the Dixie Portland Cement Company's prison, charged with being drunk and disorderly yesterday, and conceived the idea of burning his way to freedom. He accordingly piled all of his bedding near the door and set fire to it. Citizens seeing the smoke issuing from the window of the prison, made haste to investigate finding Bishop yelling lustily for help and the prison ablaze. The prisoner was liberated and found to have sustained serious burns about the face and hands. Bishop says he will take no more boot-legger's liquor in his and will be shy of fire hereafter.

Orme.

Special to the News.

Orme has many sick people in it at present.

Jno. Sullivan has recovered from his illness and has started work again.

Dr. Grayson, of Whitwell, has been in the city a week attending to our sick people. His medicine has certainly done some good amongst our "milk sick" people.

Jesse Lemons has been very sick but is a good deal better now. We wish him a speedy recovery.

W. McArthur is about able to be out of doors again.

We regret to report the death of little Sarah Annie Rowe, which occurred here last Wednesday night. She was three years and six months old, and a bright little child. After a short week's illness she was taken from this earth. She was buried at Mt. Carmel on Friday. Funeral services were read by Bro. G. S. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. James Rowe wish to thank their many friends for their sympathy in their recent bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson and family went down the cove to the meeting Sunday evening.

Jesse Bates left here for Clifty one day last week.

See "Whistling Rufus" has got his pieces into the columns this week again.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McIntyre left on Saturday for Huffman, Ky., where his wife will visit her home folks for a while.

Mrs. M. Sanders and family have moved to Chattanooga. Slim Jim.

NOTICE.

The farmers of Marion County are respectfully asked to meet at the Court House on the first Saturday in November at 1 o'clock, p. m., such meeting being the first regular meeting of Marion County Farmer's Association. An interesting program will be arranged and we would be pleased to have all the farmers who are interested in building up and improving the agricultural interests of the county, present.

ALBERT R. RANKIN, Pres. W. S. WILSON, Sec.

LEST WE

forget—Baby is restless, can't sleep at night, won't eat, cries spasmodically. A bottle of White's Cream Vermifuge never fails to cure. Every mother should give her baby White's Cream Vermifuge. So many times when the baby is pale and fretful, the mother does not know what to do. A bottle of this medicine would bring color to his cheeks and laughter to his eyes. Give it a trial. Sold by Sequachee Supply Store.

NOTICE

I will be at Jasper on Monday of each week. All parties desiring dental work will please call at the Hughes House. I will be in Sequachee on the Friday nearest to 30th of the month. S. J. NOBLE, Dentist.

The Soldier, Our Defender.

Girls, am I telling too much about our likes and dislikes. It has been thrown in our faces that we girls love brass buttons and uniforms—that is, we like soldiers. Well, let us plead guilty to the charge. Women in all ages, have smiled on the soldiers of their country and we are the daughters of the heroines who have in other days, kept a place in their hearts for the soldier boy, and today these same women are building monuments and keeping green the graves of their loved ones, who fell in battle, and shall we turn our backs on these old veterans and the young men who still follow the flag of their country? I say, no. We will never be so ungrateful, but they shall have our smiles and in our hearts we'll reserve a place for them. Men may turn traitors to their country and their country's flag, but woman won't do it for we know without our soldier boy and his gun we are lost and ruined. We are not the fools some would make us out to be. Our very nature and instinct teaches us that our safety is in the courage of our manhood, and that in cowardice there is no protection for the female sex, and today, while our mothers are on the quiver to honor the heroes of the sixties, we are no less concerned than they are, and feel that these old veterans are our friends and will be so long as one lives on the face of the earth. Then we consider it no slander when we are charged with loving brass buttons. It is true we girls love a hero. They are the ones that shall have our brightest smiles and for them our prayers ascend. Our country and her institutions are more to us than all else. Under it we are protected and defended and our soldier boys, God bless them, cause us to dwell in security and not fear danger at the hands of those who would despoil us. We have much cause for honoring the brave of our land and to take them out of the land, oh, what would become of us? Wouldn't it be horrible and dreadful! We are glad our father was a hero. We are glad our country is full of honorable brave men. It means so much to us, that we cannot express the joy that fills our hearts, and never will scorn the man who stood under his flag to uphold its honor. I send a million kisses to each old soldier and to the younger soldiers as many, and to the brave boys who never were their country's uniform I want to say if necessary should ever arise for you to don that garb, I have confidence to believe you will do it, though your going might cost us many a pang and heart ache. Still as the daughters of heroines, we would never say you nay. Brave men are the idols of the female sex and no woman loves a coward. Woman has always been inclined to trust in the strong and courageous arm of the male sex. To them they have ever looked for protection and of late years they have had more good reason for honoring brave men than almost at any other time in our country's history, and we are confident they will not fail us in this critical period of the world's history. We need them to stand by us in many sections and they will. Oh, girls, be true and honorable and stand for the soldier boy and brave men in general, and let your smiles be for them and not for cowards and traitors. So long as we say and do the right thing our country and its womanhood is safe from despoilers and men will defend both at all and every hazard. With the soldier its home and country. Home means mother and sister. We are factors, the inspiration of brave men, and may God help us to exercise our influence for good.

Your Friend, L.

Save This Anyway.

Here is a simple home made mixture as given by an eminent authority on Kidney diseases who makes the statement in a New York daily newspaper that it will relieve almost any case of Kidney trouble if taken before the stage of Bright's disease. He stated that such symptoms as lame back, pain in the side, frequent desire to urinate, especially at night, painful and discolored urination, are readily overcome. Here is the recipe, try it:

Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Kargon, one ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla, three ounces. Take a teaspoonful after each meal and at bedtime.

A well known druggist here in town is authority that these ingredients are all harmless and easily mixed at home by shaking well in a bottle. This mixture has a peculiar healing and soothing effect upon the entire Kidney and Urinary structure, and often overcomes the worst forms of Rheumatism in just a little while. This mixture is said to remove all blood disorders and cure the Rheumatism by forcing the Kidneys to filter and strain from the blood and system all uric acid and foul, decomposed waste matter, which cause these afflictions. Try it, if you aren't well. Save the prescription.

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SOUTH PITTSBURG, TENN.

Sulphur Spring.

Visiting and moving are the order of the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Mitchell, of Mineral Springs, visited at Mr. G. D. Smith's Sunday.

J. F. Hall and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Kelly.

Mrs. John Hatfield and children visited Mrs. Joe Anderson Sunday.

Misses Dora Shelton and Emma Bryson visited Mrs. George Smith Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Cowan Harris, of Whitwell, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Harris.

Joe Davis and James Grant made a business trip to Chattanooga Saturday.

Charles Bridges and Charlie Coffelt were driving in this vicinity Sunday.

Joe Kelly was out horseback riding Sunday.

Miss Dorcas Richards spent Sunday evening with her sister, Mrs. Kelly Bailey.

P. E. Carlton was calling on J. H. Grant Sunday morning.

Miss Mary Prigmore, of Oak Grove, visited relatives here Saturday night.

Miss Bettie Harris is in Hill City for a few weeks.

Miss Sigel Hilliard, of Looney's Creek, visited here last week.

Mrs. J. H. Grant and Mrs. Joe Davis spent one day last week with Mrs. W. F. Shelton.

Misses Corinne and Claytie Teague spent Thursday night with Gertrude and Myrtle Grant.

Mrs. Leonard Richards and Miss Dorcas Richards were in Whitwell Saturday.

Jas. Harris and family of Whitwell, are visiting relatives here.

Cowan Jones and Albert Price, of Red Hill, were here Sunday.

Miss Georgia Raulston visited the school Friday.

Miss Josie Kelly called on Misses Gertrude and Myrtle Grant Sunday afternoon.

Miss Kizziah Richards visited relatives Friday.

R. E. Davis and family will move back from Hill City this week. We welcome them back home.

Luther Grant visited home folks Saturday night and Sunday.

Willie Harris and Leonard Prigmore spent Sunday in this vicinity. Mayflower.

WHITESIDE.

Special to the News.

At the home of the bride last Wednesday evening, Oct. 16th, at 8:30.

Miss Ada Cross, of this place, and Mr. Claud Hughes, of Trenton, Ga., were quietly married and at 7 p. m. an elegant supper was served. Those present were: Rev. and Mrs. Hatfield, Mrs. W. P. Chandler, Misses Lettie Hughes, Lizzie Roope, Julia Doyle, Verna Pryor, Bertha Doyle, May Strawn, Messrs. Thos. Hughes, Joe Roope, Milt Doyle, Lee Ford, John Brazell, E. M. Burkhalter.

D. S. Long, who is employed in Chattanooga, spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents.

Misses Aletha and Lula Mills, of Chattanooga, spent Sunday afternoon with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mills.

Ben Coats arrived Sunday morning from Empire, Ala.

W. B. Doyle and W. H. Smedley made a flying trip to Hooker Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Dagnan, of Roop, were visiting in Whiteside Saturday and Sunday.

John Brazell, an employee of the Etna mines, who was hurt in a wreck on the incline Friday, is some better.

O. R. Bostain, of Chattanooga, spent Sunday evening with Milton Doyle.

A party of young folks from this place attended a singing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Chandler, at Vulcan, Saturday night. All report a nice time.

Hugh Griffith, of Jasper, and Miss Verna Pryor were seen going up railroad avenue Sunday afternoon.

Miss Sallie Tittle, a student of Pryor Institute, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents.

Jack Lewis and daughter, Miss Emma, of Chattanooga, visited Mrs. G. M. Jones and family last week.

Miss Georgia Steed, of Chattanooga, spent Sunday with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Price.

Cooper Doyle, Oliver & Gunter's general East Side repair man, spent Sunday with his family. Tige.

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Jasper.

Special to the News.

Mrs. Albert Elrod has returned to her home in Mt. Pleasant, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Rogers are visiting their daughter in Shelbyville, Tenn.

The unsightly building in the courthouse yard used for a coalhouse has been torn down, much to the improvement of the looks of things. A coalhouse for the use of the courthouse attaches has been erected behind the stores on south side of square.

It is a five dollar fine to hitch your horse to a telephone pole, and it don't make any difference whether it is the usual place where the pole enters the ground or the top of it, if you could get your horse up there.

County Trustee Kelly has had a child very sick with scarlet fever, contracted during a visit in Chattanooga. It is getting better now. Scarlet fever is a very dangerous contagious disease, and Mr. Kelly has remained at home to avoid any possibility of spreading it, Judge Pryor attending to his duties for him.

A very handsome veranda and portico is being added to the Hotel Lankester, setting it off immensely.

W. A. Bevin, connected with the Tullahoma Guardian, was here Saturday looking over the plant of the Statesman-Democrat, with an idea to make an exchange with Editor Havron, who removes the Cumberland Banner to that place about the middle of next month or Dec. 1.

Charley Vann, of the enterprising firm of the enterprising firm of Alley & Vann, put in three days last week, distributing circulars for their big Fall Opening Sale.

Polk Tarwater, of Rockwood, Tenn., was here last week. His wife has already been visiting here for some days.

Alvin Spears, cashier at the Marion Trust & Savings Bank, has just recovered from a severe illness.

The cement plant seems to be an assured fact. It will be a great help to the place in a business way. South Carolina parties are reported to be at the head of the new company though who they are has not been given out.

Ernest Wright, local editor of the Statesman Democrat, made a business trip to Whitwell Friday evening.

Roope

Special to the News.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Smith, of Dunlap, are visiting on the mountain.

Bud Smith and son, Jack, are visiting homefolks in Whitwell.

Albert Condra was at Whiteside Saturday.

Saturday was payday and quite a large crowd went to town.

John McNabb and wife passed through our vicinity en route to Chattanooga Friday.

Mattie Houts was visiting Lizzie Smith Thursday.

Tommy Newsome and Joe Daffron are visiting in Whitwell.

Alex Myers visited the Lock & Dam Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Bessie Douglass visited the school Friday.

Mrs. Gerald Sexton spent Thursday with Mrs. Brumley, also Mrs. Lizzie Baker.

Myrtle Myers visited Smith's store Saturday.

Wonder how Albert Condra likes candy? All right, I guess.

Misses Maud Smith and Fay Myers visited their cousin, Edith Cyphers, at Ladd's Switch Saturday and Sunday.

We are all sorry the Sunday school has gone down at this place.

Next Sunday there will be preaching. Let everybody come and hear our new preachers.

Myrtle Myers and Mary Bailey were visiting Alice Parker Sunday.

Mrs. Lizzie Baker went to Chattanooga Monday.

Frank Newsome moved to Dunlap this week.

Maloy Layne and Jim McHone went to Whitwell Sunday.

Mrs. F. P. Layne left for Birmingham Tuesday of last week.

Miss Ada Thomas was married to John Layne Monday night of last week. Wish them much joy.

Lone Star.

If you take DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills you will get prompt relief from backaches, weak kidneys, inflammation of the bladder and urinary troubles. A week's treatment, 25c. Sold by Jno. W. Simpson, Jasper, Tenn.